

C A S E of the *Poor Distressed Widdows, and Orphan Children, whose Husbands, and Fathers, belonged to Her Majesties late Ship the Colchester.*

19. Decemb. 1704.

I. **T**HAT their Husbands belonged to the said Ship, about Three Years, and endured great Hardships in the *West-Indies*, and afterwards in their Passage homewards, on the Coast of *Ireland*, were in great Distress, and much Disabled, and lost their Masts, in the *Late Violent Storm*, whereby she was obliged to put into *Ireland*, and lay there till the 15th of *January* last; but on the 17th of the same Month (being bound for *England*) there happened almost as dreadful a Storm, as the former, in which, having lost all her Sails, drove on *Brisom Rocks*, at the *Lands-End* of *England*, and every Soul Lost, but the Master, Purser, and Sixteen Men and Boys, some whereof afterwards Assisted in taking up One Hundred and Forty Bodies, some without Heads, some Bodies Cut in Sunder by the Rocks, and others without Legs or Arms, and all so miserably Mangled, as would pierce a Heart of Stone to the great Sorrow and Ruin of them and their Poor Families.

II. That they being Sufferers Occasionally by the first great Storm, and under the like Calamity, and being Mournful Objects of your Honours abundant Mercy and Charity, and having applyed themselves to Her Majesty, and his Royal Highness, but are informed to their great Grief, they are not included in the Bounty, unless your Honours will be pleased to take their sad and deplorable Conditions, into your Wise and Charitable Considerations.

Wherefore, with all Humility, they Cast themselves, and their miserable Conditions, at the Feet of this Honourable House, Praying that your Honours will be so pleased to Order, they may be included in the Bounty, with the Number of those in the first great Storm, their Misfortunes being occasioned thereby, and their Circumstances worse, having so long time supported their Families on the Credit of their Husbands Wages, and now having discharged them have nothing left.

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